

BANKER IS FOILED

ROBIN'S ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE
JUST BEFORE ARRAIGNMENT
IN COURT FAILS.

SWALLOWS DEADLY POISON

Takes Same Kind of Drug With Which
Dr. Crippen Killed His Wife, Belle
Elmore—Doctors Probably Save
His Life.

New York, Dec. 31.—Joseph C. Robin, who it is alleged has stolen the money of depositors in the Northern bank of New York and the Washington Savings bank to the known extent of more than \$1,000,000, tried to cheat justice and the law when taken to the criminal court building by swallowing poison.

It was declared to be the third attempt the young bank wrecker has made to destroy himself since the authorities have been endeavoring to place him behind the bars, but like his previous efforts, was unsuccessful. This was due to the fact that he took but one-tenth of a grain of hyoscyamine, but it was the entire contents of a box containing the drug found in his sister's home.

Was About to Be Arraigned.
The attempted suicide took place in the detective bureau in the criminal courts building where Robin was being asked for his pedigree as a preliminary to arraignment, when in answer to his interrogators, turned to his sister, Mrs. Louise, Robinovitch, and said:

"Good-by, sister; I'm going—I've taken poison."

Mrs. Robinovitch stared into her brother's face for a moment and with a groan of anguish that resounded through the corridors, swooned. Robin next turned to Dr. Austin Flint, the alienist who had accompanied the prisoner and the lawyers into the detective bureau and repeated the startling statement:

Swallows Twelve Tablets.

"Doctor," he said, "I am a dying man. I have taken poison tablets. I swallowed 12 hyoscyamine tablets of 1-120 grain each three-quarters of an hour ago. I knew the drug was in a drawer where my sister kept medicines and I took it just before leaving the house. I can feel myself going now."

Physicians were hurriedly summoned and Robin was carried into the private room of District Attorney Whitman, where he was stretched on the floor and the process begun by which his life was saved temporarily, at least.

Confusion Is Great.
Confusion reigned supreme throughout the building by this time. While the surgeon was working over Robin, former District Attorney Jerome, counsel in the case, followed by Dr. Austin Flint and Assistant District Attorney Nott appeared before Judge Cain and explained the situation to the judge, who granted a postponement of the hearing until Robin's condition shall warrant his arraignment.

As soon as the surgeons had satisfied themselves that the drug had all been removed from Robin's stomach, two large receptacles which had been filled were taken out of the room and detached to the chemical laboratory of Dr. Ernest Lederle. Robin was then taken to Bellevue hospital.

DOGS TEAR MAN TO PIECES

Bloodhounds Trailing Alleged Burglar
Escape From Keeper and Kill
Their Quarry.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 31.—One of the most peculiar killings ever heard of in this section took place when bloodhounds escaped from their keeper near Carrier's Mills and caught a man whom they were trailing and literally tore him to pieces.

A residence in Carrier's Mills had been burglarized during the absence of the family and on their return they ordered the bloodhounds brought to the scene. The trail was taken up immediately and the hounds in their eagerness to land their quarry broke loose from their keeper and chased the man they were pursuing into an old barn. There he attempted to escape their attack but was unable to do so. He was pounced upon by the half-mad hounds and so terribly mangled that recognition of his remains was impossible.

ANNUL 'SOUL MATE' MARRIAGE

Julia Kuttner Earle Freed From Art-
ist Who Divorced First Wife
to Marry Her.

New York, Dec. 31.—Julia Kuttner Earle had her marriage to Ferdinand Pinner Earle, the eccentric artist who died in affliction, annulled by the appellate division of the supreme court.

She was Earle's second wife, having been married to him March 17, 1908, after he had cast aside his first wife.

The first Mrs. Earle got a divorce from Earle in Paris to enable him to wed Julia Kuttner, who was his "soul mate."

Tunnel Explosion Kills Three

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—A dynamite explosion in the tunnel being constructed by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company at Ensley caused the death of three men. Another was fatally hurt.

LITTLE HORNET ARRIVES; REVOLUTIONISTS MARCH

Foreign Residents in Honduras Have
Little Fear—War Declaration
Held Up.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 30.—The rebel gunboat Hornet arrived off the Atlantic coast of Honduras and simultaneously a force of more than 5,000 revolutionists began marching on this city, the capital.

Alarm among merchants and foreign residents over the prospect of serious fighting is lessened somewhat by a belief that when Gen. Lee Christinas and former President Bonilla march to the city at the head of their army, they will meet with only slight resistance.

Although the revolution will not be launched officially until next Sunday morning, the rebel element composing a strong army of Nicaraguans, Americans and native Hondurans refused longer to be held in check.

The vanguard of the revolutionists which started from a place near Cape Gracias, met with feeble resistance along the Nicaraguan border.

Small forces of Davilla soldiers attempted to block their progress, but greater numbers gave the Bonilla men a decided advantage.

Puerto Cortez, Dec. 29.—A story of barbarous treatment at the hands of representatives of the Davilla government was told in an affidavit signed by William Barber of New York, who has been employed on the Honduras railroad.

Mr. Barber states, backed up by several witnesses, that while walking on the street he was accosted by several officers who had two other Americans in their custody. The three Americans were ordered to bury a Honduran pauper and when they refused they were beaten and placed in jail. Later they were brought out and guarded by a cordon of soldiers with fixed bayonets, were given twenty-five lashes with a rawhide whip.

Barber relates that they were compelled to bury the pauper and then were taken aboard the gunboat Tatuaba, which landed them penniless in the woods in Guatemala. Barber returned to the country after some time and upon his arrival was arrested on the charge of refusing to bury a pauper and confined to the San Pedro prison for twenty-five days practically without food.

SENDS PARR \$80,000 CHECK

Secretary MacVeagh Completes Pay-
ment of Award in Sugar Cus-
tom Fraud Cases.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The treasury department sent to Collector Leob of New York a warrant for \$80,000, which will be deposited in the New York treasury, and a check drawn by him in favor of Richard Parr, inspector of customs, who furnished the government with evidence in the sugar customs frauds in New York.

This payment completes the \$100,000 award made by Secretary MacVeagh to Mr. Parr in recognition of the latter's services. Last June Mr. Parr received \$20,000 in cash, and the first expenditure he made from the amount went to purchase a monument for the grave of his mother. It is understood the balance will be invested in business.

BIG OIL BATTLE IS WAGED

Rising Sun Company of England
Fights Standard of New Jersey
in Far East.

New York, Dec. 29.—That an enormous battle is being waged between the Standard Oil company and the Rising Sun Oil company of England was acknowledged at the offices of the Standard Oil company in this city. The fight represents a war of millions, with a total capitalization of \$1,000,000,000. The Rising Sun company is an English concern said to have the backing of the Rothschilds. It has set out to cut the ground from under the feet of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in the latter's operations in the far east and has apparently been successful.

SOCIALISM AMONG STUDENTS

Topic for Discussion at Annual Con-
vention of Intercollegiate So-
ciety in New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Socialist movement among collegians is attracting much attention among the literary circles of this city, and the popularity of the movement among the student body is evidenced by the attendance at the annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist society, which opened here today. On the program are addresses by J. G. Phelps Stokes, the millionaire Socialist, and president of the society; Lincoln Steffens, the well-known publicist, and John Spargo, author of several books on Socialism.

F. & O. S. W. Strikers Win

Washington, Ind., Dec. 30.—The machinists' strike on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, affecting 1,200 men, is settled, the strikers winning out in a complete victory. The agreement is effective January 1.

Heart Sewed Up, Works

New York, Dec. 29.—With a knife wound three-quarters of an inch long in his heart, neatly stitched up by surgeons, Samuel Herman, a waiter, has gone back to work.

ANOTHER QUESTION TO SETTLE

